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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In response to the restriction requirement dated February 10, 2005, applicants elect with traverse the claims of group VII, namely claims 43-46.

Applicant respectfully submits, however, that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn. A complete search related to the claims of Group VII entails an overlapping search of Groups I-VI and VII to XII. In this connection, a search of group VII drawn to phenoxy sulfonamide functionalized polyphosphazene copolymer composition/method of making necessarily entails a search of the Group I drawn to an alkali sulfonamide bearing compound, the phenoxy sulfonamide bearing compound of Group II, the method of making an alkali phenoxy sulfonamide functionalized polyphosphazene of Group IV and the method of making a phenoxy sulfonamide

functionalized polyphosphazene of Group V, the amine terminated sulfonamide bearing compound of Group III, the sulfonamide functionalized polyphosphazene homopolymer composition/method of making of Group VI. In addition, a search of Group VII would entail a search of functionalized phosphazenes such as those of Group VII and blends of those phosphazenes such as those of Group IX. The search of Group VII also would entail a search of the compositions of Group X, end uses such as those of Group XI and the functionalized polyphosphazenes of group XII.

In view of the overlapping fields of search, applicants respectfully submit that this restriction requirement should be withdrawn and an examination of all of the pending claims be made.

Applicants look forward to a prompt examination on the merits.

Respectfully Submitted,



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